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CLAIMS

1. Foaming composition for washing and treating the hair and/or the scalp, characterized in that it comprises, in an aqueous medium:

- at least one active principle chosen from corticoids and retinoids,
- at least one anionic surfactant,
- at least one amphoteric surfactant, and
- at least one propenetrating agent.

2. Composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that the corticoids are chosen from alclometasone dipropionate, amcinonide, beclamethasone [sic] dipropionate, bethamethasone [sic] benzoate, bethamethasone [sic] dipropionate, bethamethasone [sic] valerate, budesonide, clobetasol propionate, preferably clobetasol 17-propionate, clobetasol butyrate, desonide, desoximetasone, dexamethasone, diflorasone diacetate, diflucortolone valerate, flurandrenolone, fluprednidene acetate, fluocortolone, fluocortin butyl, fluocinonide, fluocinolone acetonide, fluclorolone acetonide, flumetasone [sic] pyvalate [sic], feudiline hydrochloride, flumetholon, halcinonide, hydrocortisone, hydrocortisone acetate, hydrocortisone butyrate, hydrocortisone valerate, methylprednisolone acetate, mometasone furoate, methylprednisolone, prednisolone or triamcinolone acetonide or from pharmaceutically acceptable mixtures of the latter.

3. Composition according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the retinoids are chosen from all-trans-retinoic acid, adapalene, isotretinoin, retinol and its derivatives, such as retinol acetate, palmitate or propionate, motretinide, etretinate, acitretin, zinc all-trans-retinoate, arotinoids or synthetic retinoids or from pharmaceutically acceptable mixtures of the latter.

4. Composition according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the active principle is chosen

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from clobetasol 17-propionate, adapalene, 4-[(1-adamantyl)-6-methoxyethoxymethoxy-2-naphthyl]benzoic acid, 2-hydroxy-4-[3-oxo-3-(3-tert-butyl-4-methoxyphenyl)-1-propynyl]benzoic acid and 4-(3,5,5,8,8-pentamethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthylthio)benzoic [sic] acid.

5. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the anionic surfactants are chosen from the salts of the following compounds: alkyl sulfates, alkyl ether sulfates, alkylamido ether sulfates, alkylaryl polyether sulfates, monoglyceride sulfates [sic], alkyl sulfonates, alkyl phosphates, alkylamide [sic] sulfonates, alkylaryl sulfonates, α -olefin sulfonates, paraffin sulfonates, alkyl sulfosuccinates, alkyl ether sulfosuccinates, alkylamide [sic] sulfosuccinates, alkylsulfosuccinamates, alkyl sulfoacetates, alkyl ether phosphates, acylsarcosinates, acylisethionates and N-acyltaurates, and from the salts of oleic, ricinoleic, palmitic and stearic acids, the acids of coconut oil or of hydrogenated coconut oil, or acyllactylates; and from alkyl D-galactosideuronic acids and their salts, as well as polyoxyalkylenated (C_6-C_{24})alkyl ether carboxylic acids, polyoxyalkylenated (C_6-C_{24})alkylaryl ether carboxylic acids, polyoxyalkylenated (C_6-C_{24})alkylamido ether carboxylic acids and their salts.

6. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the anionic surfactants are chosen from alkyl sulfate and alkyl ether sulfate salts.

7. Composition according to Claim 6, characterized in that the anionic surfactants are chosen from sodium lauryl ether sulfate and sodium lauryl sulfate.

8. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 7, characterized in that the amphoteric surfactants are chosen from derivatives of aliphatic secondary or tertiary amines, (C_8-C_{20})alkyl betaines, sulfobetaines,

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(C₈-C₂₀)alkyl amido(C₁-C₆)alkyl betaines or (C₈-C₂₀)alkyl amido(C₁-C₆)alkyl sulfobetaines.

5 9. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 8, characterized in that the amphoteric surfactants are chosen from cocobetaines.

10. Composition according to Claim 9, characterized in that the amphoteric surfactants are chosen from cocamidopropyl [sic] betaines, cocamidopropyl [sic] hydroxysultaine [sic] or cocoyl betaines.

10 11. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 10, characterized in that the propenetrating agent is chosen from volatile C₁-C₄ alcohols and from polyhydric alcohols.

15 12. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 11, characterized in that the propenetrating agent is chosen from ethanol, isopropanol, propylene glycol and ethoxydiglycol.

20 13. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 12, characterized in that the active principle is used in proportions of 0.001 to 5%, preferably between 0.01 to [sic] 0.3% and more preferably between 0.05 and 0.1% by weight with respect to the total weight of the composition.

25 14. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 13, characterized in that the anionic surfactant is used in proportions of [sic] 0.05 and 50%, preferably between 1 and 30% and more preferably between 2 and 25% of A.M. by weight with respect to the total weight of the composition.

30 15. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 14, characterized in that the amphoteric surfactant is used in proportions of [sic] 0.01 and 30%, preferably between 0.5 and 20% and more preferably between 1 and 15% as A.M. by weight with respect to the total weight
35 of the composition.

16. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 15, characterized in that the propenetrating agent is used in concentrations of between 0.1 and 25% and

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preferably of between 5 and 10% by weight with respect to the total weight of the composition.

17. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 16, characterized in that the ratio of the proportion as A.M. of the anionic surfactants to the proportion as A.M. of the amphoteric surfactants is between 1 and 20 and preferably between 2 and 10.

18. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 17, characterized in that the ratio of the proportion as A.M. of the anionic surfactants to the proportion of the propenetrating agents is between 0.1 and 10, preferably between 0.5 and 5.

19. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 18, characterized in that the composition additionally comprises cationic polymers chosen from quaternized proteins, polymers of polyamine, polyaminoamide or poly(quaternary ammonium) type, polyalkyleneimines, condensates of polyamines and of epichlorohydrin, quaternary polyureylenes and chitin derivatives.

20. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 19, characterized in that the cationic polymers are chosen from quaternary cellulose ether derivatives, cyclopolymers and cationic polysaccharides.

21. Composition according to Claim 19 or 20, characterized in that the cationic polymer represents 0.001% to 10% by weight, preferably from 0.005% to 5% by weight and more preferably still from 0.01% to 3% by weight with respect to the total weight of the final composition.

22. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 21, characterized in that the pH of the compositions is between 2 and 9, preferably between 3 and 8 and more preferably between 5.5 and 6.5.

23. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 22, characterized in that the composition also comprises nonionic surfactants and/or ceramides and/or glycoceramides.

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24. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 23, characterized in that the composition comprises thickening agents.

25. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 24, characterized in that the composition also comprises colorants, viscosity-modifying agents, pearlescent agents, moisturizing agents, antidandruff agents, antiseborrheic agents, sunscreens, proteins, vitamins, α -hydroxy acids, salts, fragrances, preservatives, sequestering agents, softeners, foam modifiers, detoxifying agents or their mixtures.

26. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 25, characterized in that the composition also comprises conditioning agents, such as hydrogenated or nonhydrogenated and synthetic or nonsynthetic natural hydrocarbonaceous oils which are cyclic or aliphatic and linear or branched (saturated or unsaturated), volatile or nonvolatile, organomodified or nonorganomodified and soluble or insoluble silicones, perfluorinated or fluorinated oils, polybutenes and polyisobutenes, fatty esters which are provided in a liquid, pasty or solid form, esters of polyhydric alcohols, glycerides, natural or synthetic waxes, silicone gums and resins, quaternary [lacuna] salts or the mixture of these various agents.

27. Composition according to Claim 26, characterized in that the composition also comprises quaternium-22.

28. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 27, characterized in that it is provided in the form of liquids, optionally thickened liquids.

29. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 28 for its application as medicament.

30. Use of the composition as defined in any one of Claims 1 to 28 in the manufacture of a medicament intended for the treatment of ailments of the scalp.

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